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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DECEMBER 7, 1929

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the Club Rooms, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco, California, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, December 7, 1929. Present: Directors Badè, Bernays, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, LeConte, McDuffie, Price, Rowell, Tappaan, Treat, Wright. Absent: Directors Adair and Parsons. Peter J. Van Oosting and Loren B. Taber, chairmen of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters, respectively, were also present. President McDuffie called the meeting to order. Letters from the two absent directors were read, and it was voted that they be excused. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held on May 4, 1929, were approved.

Several letters were read relative to the proposal made in August by Supt. John R. White that a peak or meadow in Sequoia National Park be named in honor of Stephen T. Mather. After discussion this matter was referred to the Committee on Nomenclature for further consideration and report.

Suggestion was made by Secretary Colby that the Sierra Club start a collection of photographs, documents and other material pertaining to the early history of the Sierra Club, to the High Sierra, and especially to John Muir, such collection to be kept available for reference purposes, but in a safe, fireproof place. After general discussion it was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the President, to be known as the Archives Committee, to stimulate interest in such a collection and take steps for carrying it out. Authority was granted to the committee to make the necessary expenditure for assuring the safety of the collection.

The next matter brought before the Board was the very interesting proposal of Mr. G. Frederick Schwarz, a life member of the Sierra Club, to have erected, as a memorial to John Muir, a rest hut on Muir Pass along the John Muir Trail, it being his plan to give the sum of \$2500 to the Sierra Club to be expended for this purpose under the direction of the Board of Directors. A motion was made and carried that a communication be addressed to Mr. Schwarz, thanking him for his generous proposal and stating that the Club is willing to handle the matter; and that the President be empowered to appoint a committee to work out the details in conjunction with Mr. Schwarz and the United States Forest Service, the committee being authorized to pass on the expenditure of the money.

It having developed that Shasta Alpine Lodge is apparently not on the property leased for that purpose from the Southern Pacific Company, but on adjoining property, it was voted that a committee be appointed by the President to investigate the status of the Shasta Alpine Lodge, and if it be found that the Lodge was, due to error in surveys, built on private property, to negotiate with the owner of the land on which the lodge stands regarding the securing of an area large enough for the Club's purposes, report to be made at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Mr. M. Hall McAllister having presented his resignation from the Lodge Committee, a motion was passed that he be asked to reconsider his resignation and to continue his membership on the committee.

The request of C. L. Drew that the Club lend its endorsement to his proposed 1930 trip to the Hawaiian Islands was acted on, the Club giving the same endorsement as heretofore, assuming no responsibility.

Report was made of recent action taken by the executive committee in joining with other organizations in an effort to obtain additional federal appropriation for forest fire prevention, and such action was approved. It was reported that this concerted action had resulted in an increased item in the appropriation bill now pending before Congress.

A communication from Dr. Philip King Brown relative to the destruction of wild flower bulbs in northern counties was read and upon motion the matter was ordered referred to the conservation committee of the California Federation of Women's Clubs and other organizations interested in the preservation of wild flowers.

A circular relative to the Tropic Everglades National Park project was referred to the executive committee for action if required, information as to the attitude of the Park Service to be secured meantime.

Approval was given to previous action taken by the executive committee in opposing the Ouachita National Park bill which seeks to create a national park out of an area already included in a national forest, the passage of which bill would lower national park standards already established, and the executive committee was authorized to take similar action in the future whenever occasion arises.

A request for approval of a statement on National Park standards prepared by the Camp Fire Club of America was referred to the executive committee for further deliberation and action.

A motion was carried that a committee be appointed to encourage among members of the Club the use of the High Sierra for winter sports.

Mr. Huber reported that excellent progress was made last summer on the John Muir Trail, the crew having been able to work unusually late into the fall.

Mr. Farquhar reported that material for the February, 1930, *Sierra Club Bulletin* is coming to hand and the number promises to be at least up to standard in content and illustrations.

Approval was given to the action already taken by the executive committee in appointing Francis D. Tappaan as manager of the outing for the coming summer, further matters in connection therewith being left to the outing committee.

Mr. Van Oosting and Dr. Taber were called on for report of the activities of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters of the Sierra Club. Dr. Taber stated that special attention is being given by the executive committee of the San Francisco Bay Chapter to the educational features of the chapter activities; Mr. Van Oosting told of the plan of the Southern California Chapter to replace the cabin on Mount San Antonio with a new lodge in memory of Aurelia S. Harwood, who at the time of her death in June, 1928, was president of the Sierra Club.

After a general expression of the high regard held by the Club for Miss Harwood, it was voted that the construction of the new lodge be encouraged in every way and that the Sierra Club appropriate \$250 from the general fund toward this object.

The following were appointed to act as the nominating committee to select names to be placed on the ballot at the coming election of directors of the Sierra Club: Edward Rainey, chairman; Mrs. Frank L. Bradley, C. Nelson Hackett, Mark H. White, Neill C. Wilson; alternates: Ethelinda M. James, Robert L. Lipman, John J. Mazza.

The following were appointed judges of election to act in the counting of the ballots at the next regular election of directors: Mrs. E. A. Abeel, Mrs. Orwell Logan, Alice L. Meussdorffer, Mrs. James A. Morgan, Mrs. A. E. Neuenburg, Ada Smith, Mrs. Oliver G. Tubby, Juanita E. York, Elsie M. Zeile.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

WM. E. COLBY, Secretary.

SIERRA CLUB ARCHIVES

President McDuffie has appointed the Archives Committee to carry out the desire of the Board of Directors to build up a valuable collection of Sierra Club archives with special reference

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to material relating to John Muir. Members of the committee are as follows: Dr. William Frederic Badé, chairman; Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar. The work of this committee will be twofold: first, to assist in the acquisition of the material; second, to take proper measures for its care and preservation. The latter function will be temporarily provided by rented space in a fireproof vault. It is hoped, however, that ultimately the Sierra Club may find some means of housing this material in its own quarters under the proper safeguards. The members of the Club are requested to be on the lookout for important original documents and photographs relating to the life and work of John Muir and to the history of the entire Sierra Nevada region. The object of the collection is to preserve all the material that will be helpful in years to come in throwing light upon the Sierra Nevada and the individuals associated with it as a source of inspiration. It is intended that the collection shall be available for students and writers and for that purpose it must ultimately be the most completely inclusive collection that can be found relating to this special field. Members having material which they desire to present to the Club, or knowing of such material, will greatly assist the undertaking if they will communicate with the committee, addressing the Chairman of the Archives Committee, care of Sierra Club, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco.

GIANT FOREST OPEN FOR WINTER VISITORS

The National Park Service announces that it will continue the practice begun a few years ago of keeping open throughout the winter the road into Giant Forest. The road is cleared promptly after each snow-fall, and there will probably be few days, if any, when it will not be possible to drive cars to Giant Forest Camp. Paved road from Exeter and Visalia extends nearly to the park entrance, whence it is 17 miles to Giant Forest.

Giant Forest Winter Camp has been entirely remodeled and enlarged and will be kept open all winter for the accommodation of visitors. There is a new winter lounge and writing room with massive stone fireplace, and new rustic cabins have been specially constructed for winter use, with wood-burning heaters. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cuesta, who have had previous experience at Mt. Rainier and at Little Yosemite High Sierra Camp, will manage Giant Forest Camp for the winter, providing meals and looking after the comfort of the guests.

Tobogganing, snowshoeing, and skiing are available for those who enjoy winter sports either as beginners or as skilled performers. Ski-runners will find opportunities for excursions beyond Giant Forest to points affording splendid winter views of the High Sierra. A small skating rink has been prepared under the big trees.

Information may be obtained from the Superintendent, Sequoia National Park, California.

THE WINTER SEASON AT YOSEMITE

Announcement comes from Yosemite of a new departure in making the High Sierra region available for winter visitors. Cross-country ski-tours of from two to six days duration will be organized under skilled professional leadership. Preliminary preparations have been made by the construction of specially designed ski-lodges at Snow Creek, Tenaya Lake and Tuolumne Meadows. These have been stocked with food, fuel and blankets, so that the ski-parties will be able to make the tours without encumbrances. There will be three regular scheduled routes this winter.

The first route is to Glacier Point, via the four-mile trail. This trail has just been completely rebuilt, making the climb as simple a matter as in summer. Excellent opportunities for skiing and snowshoeing exist at Glacier Point, including the climb of Sentinel Dome for wintry sunset views. The Glacier Point Mountain House has been equipped with steam heat and a glass enclosed sunporch. The second tour is to Snow Creek Lodge on the slope of Mount Watkins, where extensive ski fields are to be found. From this base long trips can be taken by experienced ski-runners to Mount Hoffmann, North Dome or Porcupine Flat. The third tour is designed for six days: first day, to Snow Creek Lodge; second, to Tenaya Lake, or to Tuolumne Meadows, as desired; third and fourth days, Tuolumne Meadows; fifth, return to Snow Creek Lodge; sixth, to Yosemite Valley. The possibilities for ski trips at Tuolumne Meadows are almost limitless; the summit of Mount Dana is within reach of the ambitious.

In addition to these tours, winter sports will be directed in Yosemite Valley by the Yosemite Winter Club. Competent instructors will be on hand to teach skiing, both to beginners and to those more advanced. The facilities for skating and tobogganing have been greatly improved.

WINTER SPORTS TRIP

The Contra Costa Hills Club announces a winter sports trip to Lake Tahoe, February 7, 8, 9, 1930. The party will leave San Francisco Friday night about 8 o'clock, arriving at Lake Tahoe in time for breakfast Saturday morning. Meals will be had at the Tavern and sleeping accommodations in the Pullmans parked close by. Two days will be spent in the snow, skiing, skating and tobogganing. The party will leave Tahoe at 9 o'clock Sunday evening and arrive in San Francisco about 7:30 Monday morning. The cost will be approximately \$30. For further particulars get in touch with Harvey Milenz, 6022 Rockwell St., Oakland.

ANNUAL DINNER

The annual reunion dinner and dance of the Sierra Club, which was held in San Francisco at The Women's City Club on December 7th and attended by approximately 260 members and friends, proved to be one of the most delightful dinners the Club has ever had. The decorations were an especially attractive feature. Col. White, Superintendent of Sequoia National Park, sent a truck load of greens and cones under convoy of Ranger Parks. These were supplemented by juniper sprays from Nevada, sent by Mr. Robert Price, red berries sent by Mrs. Shinn, and place cards made from scales of yellow pine trees, sent by Col. Thomson, Superintendent of Yosemite National Park. Arrangements for the dinner were made by Mr. William T. Goldsborough and Mrs. Walter L. Huber. Mr. Duncan McDuffie, president of the Club, presided, and interesting talks were given by Mr. Colby, Col. Thomson, Mr. Tappaan and Mr. Chester Rowell. It was voted that a telegram be sent Mr. Stephen Mather, congratulating him on his continued improvement in health and conveying the good wishes of the Sierra Club. Dr. George Thompson and Mr. Ansel Adams, on behalf of the 1929 outing party, presented Mr. Colby with a handsome book of photographs taken on last summer's outing in the High Sierra by various members of the party. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED
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State of California,
City and County of San Francisco. } ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Virginia Ferguson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the assistant secretary of the Sierra Club, which is the publisher of the Sierra Club Bulletin, and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business managers are: Publisher, Sierra Club, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; Editor, Francis P. Farquhar, 114 Sansome St., San Francisco; Managing Editor, None; Business Managers, None.
2. That the owner is: Sierra Club (a corporation), 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; President, Duncan McDuffie, 22 Roble Road, Berkeley; Secretary, William E. Colby, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; Treasurer, J. N. LeConte, 19 Hillside Court, Berkeley.
3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

VIRGINIA FERGUSON,

Assistant Secretary of Sierra Club.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of September, 1929.

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MARIE FORMAN, Notary Public.
(My commission expires Jan. 9, 1933.)

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